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## **Mark D. Ridley**



### **Deputy Director Naval Criminal Investigative Service**

In July 2010, Special Agent Mark Ridley was selected for his current assignment as Deputy Director, Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS). In this capacity, he is responsible for the efficiency and synchronization of five key administrative and operational directorates: Management and Administration, Global Operations, Criminal Operations, National Security, Intelligence and Information Sharing, and two field organizations. He serves as the primary advisor to the NCIS Director on all matters involving long, medium and short-range planning and programming and is responsible for an annual budget in excess of \$540M.

Mr. Ridley was promoted to the Senior Executive Service in July 2006 and has 23 years of Federal Service.

From August 2007 through June 2010, he served as the Executive Assistant Director (EAD) for Criminal Investigations. In this capacity, he was responsible for three departments: Economic Crimes Investigations, Crimes Against Persons, and General Crimes Program Direction. He served as the primary advisor and principal EAD to the NCIS Director and Deputy Director for Operations on all economic crimes investigations, general crimes investigations, and criminal intelligence investigations.

From July 2006 to August 2007, he served as the EAD for Middle East and Pacific Operations. He was responsible for the management and technical direction of seven NCIS field offices, one Security Training Assistance & Assessment Team, and numerous subordinate elements located throughout the NW and SW U.S., Hawaii, the Far East, Southwest Asia, the Middle East, and aboard carrier strike groups, as well as expeditionary strike groups. Responsibilities extended to all investigative, counterintelligence (CI) and counterterrorism (CT) activities within the area of responsibility (AOR). He was responsible for leading and directing 562 personnel and for managing an annual budget in excess of \$60 million.

In August 2005, Mr. Ridley was selected as the Assistant Director for the newly formed Directorate of Intelligence. In this capacity, he was entrusted with the agency's worldwide criminal, counterintelligence and counterterrorism analysis mission.

In March 2004, Mr. Ridley was assigned as the Deputy Assistant Director for Counterintelligence Operations with responsibility for worldwide counterintelligence investigations, operations and analysis. In April 2003, Mr. Ridley was selected as the Special Agent in Charge of the newly formed Marine Corps West Field Office, Camp Pendleton, California, essentially responsible for NCIS activities associated with the Marine Corps bases on the Western U.S. Coast.

Mr. Ridley joined the NCIS in 1987, serving in the Long Beach, California Resident Agency. Since that time, he has served in a variety of organizational assignments and mission areas, both within the United States and overseas. He served as a Special Agent Afloat aboard the USS Forrestal in 1990. Mr. Ridley entered the supervisory ranks as the Resident Agent in Charge in Sasebo, Japan in 1998. Additionally, he has served as a Supervisory Special Agent in NCIS Field Office Carolinas, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Mr. Ridley has also served as a Resident Agent in Charge for the NCIS Resident Agency Camp Pendleton, California, with responsibility for NCIS activities at Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Miramar; Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego; and MCAS Yuma, Arizona.

Mr. Ridley is a graduate of the University of Nevada with a degree in criminal justice. He earned a master's degree in justice administration from Norwich University in 2007.

During his tenure with NCIS, Mr. Ridley has received numerous awards and honors, including the International Narcotics Officer Award. He was a recipient of the Department of the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award in 1996.

Mr. Ridley was awarded Special Agent Credentials in 1987 and holds TS/SCI (with polygraph) security clearances. His professional affiliations include the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE).